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The Kentlands Flower Show: A Floral Photography Exhibit on Display at Kentlands Mansion

Gaithersburg, MD (February 19, 2019) Gaithersburg's *Arts on the Green* presents "The Kentlands Flower Show: A Floral Photography Exhibit," featuring fine art photography by Composite Fine Art Photographers. The exhibit is on display at Kentlands Mansion from March 1 through April 28, 2019. The public is invited to meet the artists during a free Artists Reception on Sunday, March 10 from Noon to 2 p.m.

Composite Fine Art Photographers is an exhibition group formed by Jaree Donnelly, Craig Higgins and Marge Wasson. The group's name represents the joining of creative strengths to produce outstanding collaborative exhibits. Sensing an affinity within each other's work and spirit, a synergetic connection has grown amongst the group.

Donnelly, Higgins and Wasson each has a passion for nature photography with a gift for capturing florals. The group was inspired to recreate the magic and delight of classic flower shows held in the early spring, such as the annual Philadelphia Flower Show. For this exhibit, each artist approached the theme from his or her own point of view, making the imagery and pieces unique, yet complementary. The exhibit features 50 pieces that were artfully curated to ensure a cohesive flow. Learn more about Composite Fine Art Photographers on Facebook @CompositePhotoArts.

Located at 320 Kent Square Road, the <u>Mansion Gallery</u> offers the opportunity to view art in the beautiful, timeless setting of historic Kentlands Mansion. Due to frequent rentals for private events, viewing hours are Monday through Friday by appointment only. Please call the Mansion at 301-258-6425 prior to your visit.

As an accompaniment to this exhibit, the Arts Barn, located at 311 Kent Square Road, is hosting three Gallery Series educational events:

A <u>Floral Still Lifes & Tea</u> workshop takes place on Saturday, March 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. Artists are invited to bring their own materials and create imagery from professional floral arrangements inspired by the exhibit. Participants can enjoy a casual tea party while they create. All participants are invited to display their work during the Artists Reception on March 10. Registration is \$25, \$20 for City of Gaithersburg residents. Register online.

A lecture on <u>Preparing Your Garden for Spring Flowers</u> takes place on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. An expert gardener will share tips on how to get your garden ready to host a season full of beautiful color. A wine and cheese reception and a tour of the Kentlands Flower Show exhibit will follow the lecture. Registration is \$25, \$20 for City of Gaithersburg residents. Register <u>online</u>.

Join Composite Fine Art Photographers on Sunday, April 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for a <u>Spring Flower Expedition</u>. Participants will meet at the Arts Barn for a discussion on macro photography techniques followed by hands-on experience photographing nature in the field. The group will assist with technical and artistic questions. The session ends with a positive critique of the images taken together. Participants must bring a camera with either a macro lens or setting and a tripod. Registration is \$36, \$30 for City of Gaithersburg residents. Register online.

Please note that most of the artwork is for sale and all images are copyrighted by the artists. For more information, please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6394, e-mail shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov, or visit Kentlands Mansion at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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About Arts on the Green

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg's home for the performing and visual arts. Enjoy exhibits, concerts and theater performances at the Arts Barn and Kentlands Mansion and outdoor events and festivals on the park-like Green. Or join us for educational opportunities in one of our teaching studios, resident artist studios or theatre. Our historic buildings recall the charm of a bygone era, but our activities are anything but old fashioned.

For more information call 301-258-6394, find us at <u>gaithersburgmd.gov</u> or follows us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Instagram</u> at ArtsontheGreen.